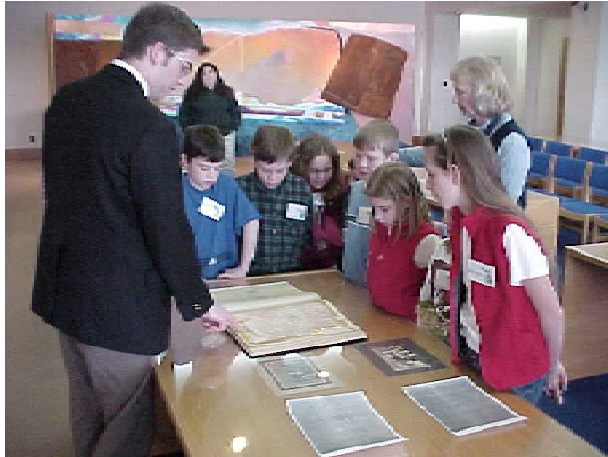


Please register for the
The BIG Lesson Institute
By May 25, 2005



Registration fees:
\$400 per two-person team
\$500 per three-person team

Make your check payable to
State of Michigan

Mail your check & registration to
The BIG Lesson Institute
Michigan Historical Museum
Department of History, Arts & Libraries
P.O. Box 30737
Lansing, MI 48909-8240

For more information, contact:
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BIG History Lesson Coordinator
517-335-2704
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The BIG Lesson Institute **Schedule of Events** **June 15 - 17**

Wednesday – Friday
Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily.
Dinner will be provided Wednesday.

Day One

Wednesday, June 15

8:30 A.M.

Registration

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Opening General Session
Overview of BIG Lesson Model
Object-Based Learning
Visual Analysis
6 – 9 P.M.

Dinner and Special Event at the
Michigan Historical Museum

Day Two

Thursday, June 16

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Origins of BIG Lesson Model
Learning in Museums
Using Curriculum Standards
Community Resources

Day Three

Friday, June 17

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Focus on the Finish
Designing a BIG Lesson Model for your Site

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“I know I’ll remember for a lifetime what I learned this week.”— Katie, 4th grader, talking about her BIG History Lesson at Michigan Historical Museum.

PARTICIPANTS

The 2005 BIG Lesson Institute is designed for teachers and museum staff interested in initiating The BIG Lesson model at their local museum. Participants are encouraged to register as teams of two or three people including at least one teacher and one museum staff person. To insure personalized attention for each participant, **a maximum of 12 teams** will be accepted.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants are responsible for making their own overnight arrangements. Please contact the hotel directly.

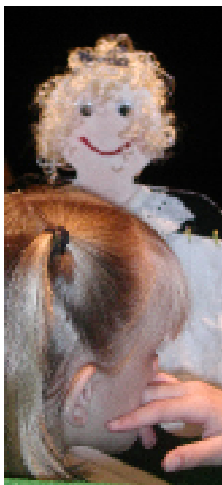
“The BIG Lesson has proven to be a wonderful and natural addition to the current education programs offered at the Muskegon County Museum. The teachers who have participated in the BIG Lesson have been so enthusiastic and excited that news of the program has spread quickly.” —Melissa Welsh, Participant in the 2001 BIG Lesson Institute.

“The BIG History Lesson has forever expanded the students’ outlook on learning.” — Teacher, Dansville, Michigan

BACKGROUND

The BIG Lesson model, initiated by Margaret Holtschlag, Michigan Teacher of the Year in 1999-2000, is a partnership between community resources and schools to provide a hands-on, minds-on learning experience for elementary students. Successfully launched at the Michigan Historical Museum and Potter Park Zoo, this five-day learning experience allows teachers and students to use the site as their classroom for in-depth, thematic study. The BIG Lesson model is an object-based, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning. The experience includes behind-the-scenes tours, speakers, and students working cooperatively on research. Professional development for teachers includes techniques for connecting with curators and experts, developing interactive lessons, guiding students for collaborative learning, and designing real world learning experience for their students.

BIG Lesson Institute participants will learn to:



- Use the BIG Lesson model to change field trips into STUDY trips
- Utilize the ways people learn in museums
- Encourage students to collaborate, discuss, analyze and synthesize information
- Develop and sustain partnerships between community resources and schools
- Put the BIG Lesson model into action

The BIG Lesson Institute 2005 Team Registration

(Registration deadline is May 25)

Institution: _____

School: _____

Institution Partner(s): _____

School Partner(s): _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person’s Address: _____

Day Phone: _____

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